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Quotes about Contentment

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A contented mind is the greatest blessing a man can enjoy in this world.

- Addison, Joseph

I don't want to own anything that won't fit into my coffin.

- Allen, Fred A.

Contentment is a pearl of great price, and whoever procures it at the expense of ten thousand desires makes a wise and a happy purchase.

- Balguy, John

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People are never free of trying to be content.

- Bookchin, Murray

If we have not quiet in our minds, outward comfort will do no more for us than a golden slipper on a gouty foot.

- Bunyan, John

There's naught, no doubt, so much the spirit calms as rum and true religion.

- Byron, Lord

True contentment is a thing as active as agriculture. It is the power of getting out of any situation all that there is in it. It is arduous and it is rare.

- Chesterton, Gilbert K.

Being contented ought to mean in English, as it does in French, being pleased. Being content with an attic ought not to mean being unable to move from it and resigned to living in it; it ought to mean appreciating all there is in such a position.

- Chesterton, Gilbert K.

Try to be like the turtle -- at ease in your own shell

- Copeland, Bill

There are some days when I think I'm going to die from an overdose of satisfaction.

- Dali, Salvador

Happy the man, and happy he alone, he who can call today his own; he who, secure within, can say, tomorrow do thy worst, for I have lived today.

- Dryden, John

To rejoice in another's prosperity is to give content to your lot; to mitigate another's grief is to alleviate or dispel your own.

- Edwards, Tryon

A man who is contented with what he has done will never become famous for what he will do.

- Estabrook, Fred

Content is a word unknown to life; it is also a word unknown to man.

- Fowles, John

Who is wise? He that learns from everyone. Who is powerful? He that governs his passions. Who is rich? He who is content. Who is that? Nobody.

- Franklin, Benjamin

Content makes poor men rich; discontentment makes rich men poor.

- Franklin, Benjamin

Contentment consist not in adding more fuel, but in taking away some fire.

- Fuller, Thomas

Yes, there is a Nirvanah; it is leading your sheep to a green pasture, and in putting your child to sleep, and in writing the last line of your poem.

- Gibran, Kahlil

Be happy with what you have and are, be generous with both, and you won't have to hunt for happiness.

- Gladstone, William E.

There are two kinds of discontent in this world. The discontent that works, and the discontent that wrings its hands. The first gets what it wants. The second loses what it has. There's no cure for the first, but success and there's no cure at all for the second.

- Graham, Gordon

Contentment is, after all, simply refined indolence.

- Haliburton, Thomas C.

If the book is good, is about something that you know, and is truly written, and reading it over you see that this is so, you can let the boys yip and the noise will have that pleasant sound coyotes make on a very cold night when they are out in the snow and you are in your own cabin that you have built or paid for with your work.

- Hemingway, Ernest

The contented man can be happy with what appears to be useless.

- Hung Ko

When we cannot find contentment in ourselves, it is useless to seek it elsewhere.

- La Rochefoucauld, Francois De

My motto is: Contented with little, yet wishing for more.

- Lamb, Charles

Nobody got anywhere in the world by simply being content.

- L'Amour, Louis

To be content with life -- or to live merrily, rather --all that is required is that we bestow on all things only a fleeting, superficial glance; the more thoughtful we become the more earnest we grow.

- Lichtenberg, Georg C.

The secret of contentment is knowing how to enjoy what you have, and to be able to lose all desire for things beyond your reach.

- Lin Yu-tang

A sound mind in a sound body, is a short, but full description of a happy state in this

World: he that has these two, has little more to wish for; and he that wants either of them, will be little the better for anything else.

- Locke, John

The greatest wealth is to live content with little, for there is never want where the mind is satisfied.

- Lucretius

To have what we want is riches; but to be able to do without is power.

- Macdonald, George

It is right to be contented with what we have, but never with what we are.

- Mackintosh, James

To accept what you are is to be content, and contentment is the greatest wealth. To work with patience is to gather power.

- McClure, Vimalia

Riches are not from abundance of worldly goods, but from a contented mind.

- Mohammed

One should either be sad or joyful. Contentment is a warm sty for eaters and sleepers.

- O'Neill, Eugene

If you are content, you have enough to live comfortably.

- Plautus, Titus Maccius

Learn to be pleased with everything; with wealth, so far as it makes us beneficial to others; with poverty, for not having much to care for; and with obscurity, for being unenvied.

- Plutarch

A Sunday well-spent brings a week of content.

- Proverb

What makes us discontented with our condition is the absurdly exaggerated idea we have of the happiness of others.

- Proverb, French

Since we cannot get what we like, let us like what we can get.

- Proverb, Spanish

Be always displeased at what thou art, if thou desire to attain to what thou art not; for where thou hast pleased thyself, there thou abidest.

- Quarles, Francis

The most valuable things in life are not measured in monetary terms. The really important things are not houses and lands, stocks and bonds, automobiles and real state, but friendships, trust, confidence, empathy, mercy, love and faith.

- Russell, Bertrand

Happy the man who can endure the highest and the lowest fortune. He, who has endured such vicissitudes with equanimity, has deprived misfortune of its power.

- Seneca

He that is well paid is well satisfied.

- Shakespeare, William

My crown is in my heart, not on my head, Nor decked with diamonds and Indian stones,
Nor to be seen: My crown is called content: A crown it is, that seldom kings enjoy.

- Shakespeare, William

He is rich who is content with the least; for contentment is the wealth of nature.

- Socrates

Contentment is natural wealth, luxury is artificial poverty.

- Socrates

To the right, books; to the left, a tea-cup. In front of me, the fireplace; behind me, the post.

There is no greater happiness than this.

- Teiga

Contentment is not the fulfillment of what you want, but the realization of how much you already have.

- Unknown, Source

When you can think of yesterday without regret and tomorrow without fear, you are near contentment.

- Unknown, Source

It is invariably found that a content man is usually a weak one.

- Wagstaff, John

To feel that one has a place in life solves half the problems of contentment.

- Woodberry, George E.

That blessed mood in which the burthen of the mystery, in which the heavy and the weary weight of all this unintelligible world is lightened.

- Wordsworth, William

You can't have everything. Where would you put it?

- Wright, Steven



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